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## Figures

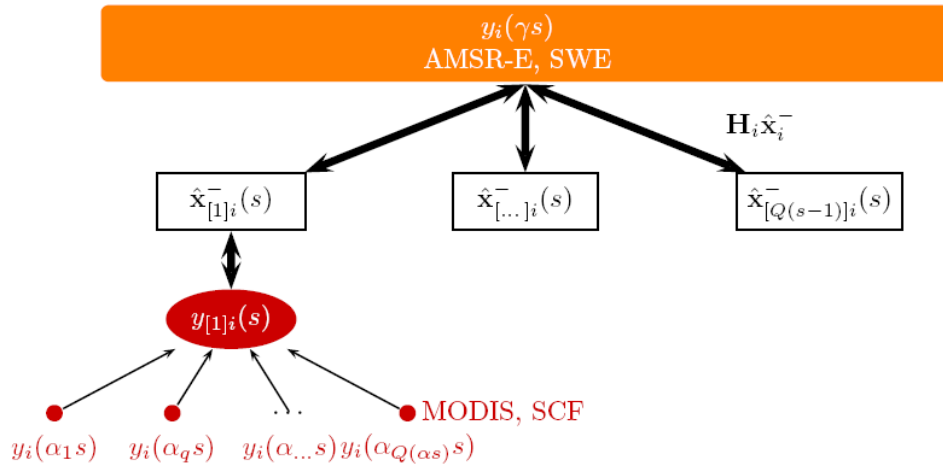


Figure 1.1: Flowchart of simultaneous assimilation of scale-discrepant MODIS and AMSR-E observations at time step  $i$ . The model predictions  $\mathbf{x}^-(s)$  are performed at the  $s$ -scale. AMSR-E observations  $y(\gamma s)$  are available at the coarser ‘parent’-resolution  $\gamma s$ , covering many model prediction grid cells. The model predictions will be brought into this coarser resolution observation space through the observation operator  $\mathbf{H}_i$ . MODIS data  $y(\alpha_q s)$  are at the finer ‘child’-resolution  $\alpha s$ :  $Q(\alpha s)$  MODIS pixels fall within one model grid cell and will be merged to an upscaled product  $y(s)$  at the scale of the model predictions for assimilation.